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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Support of the U.S. Armed Forces ~~and in~~ their Liberation of the Iraqi People**

3 FOR the purpose of supporting the U.S. Armed Forces ~~and in~~ their liberation of the
4 Iraqi people; supporting the families of the U.S. Armed Forces; ~~supporting the~~
5 ~~enforcement of Resolution 1441~~; and generally relating to support of the U.S.
6 Armed Forces ~~and in~~ their liberation of the Iraqi people.

7 WHEREAS, Since 1991, the United States and the United Nations have worked
8 in accordance to numerous UN resolutions to peacefully disarm Saddam Hussein and
9 the Iraqi government; and

10 WHEREAS, Hussein has ~~deliberately flouted the will of and~~ been a threat to the
11 ~~world community and~~ his own people; and

12 WHEREAS, In September 2002, both houses of the U.S. Congress authorized
13 the President of the United States to use force in enforcing the numerous United
14 Nations resolutions against Hussein and the Iraqi government; and

15 WHEREAS, In November 2002, the United Nations Security Council passed
16 Resolution 1441 unanimously declaring Iraq in material breach of its obligations and
17 vowing serious consequences if Iraq did not fully and immediately disarm; and

1 WHEREAS, ~~President George W. Bush has ordered military action against the~~
2 ~~Iraqi government to uphold Resolution 1441 and the numerous resolutions requiring~~
3 ~~Iraq to disarm; and~~

4 WHEREAS, ~~Men and women from Maryland have been called to active duty~~
5 ~~joining hundreds of thousands of military personnel from across the United States~~
6 ~~and other allied nations to protect our nation and our world from the threat of~~
7 ~~Hussein and the Iraqi government; and~~

8 WHEREAS, ~~The families of these brave soldiers provide support to them and~~
9 ~~remind us of the bravery and importance of our armed forces; now, therefore, be it~~

10 WHEREAS, ~~The United States and its coalition partners are presently engaged~~
11 ~~in a conflict in Iraq; and~~

12 WHEREAS, ~~The Maryland General Assembly honors the bravery and courage of~~
13 ~~the men and women from Maryland who have been called to active duty joining~~
14 ~~hundreds of thousands of military personnel from across the United States and other~~
15 ~~allied nations to protect our nation and our world from the threat of Hussein and the~~
16 ~~Iraqi government; and~~

17 WHEREAS, ~~The Maryland General Assembly joins the families of these brave~~
18 ~~troops in wishing them well in combat and prays for their quick return after a~~
19 ~~well-fought victory; now, therefore, be it~~

20 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
21 General Assembly of Maryland offers its strong support for ~~liberating Iraq and~~
22 ~~enforcing the will of Resolution 1441~~ the liberators of Iraq; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland offers its strong support
24 for our service men and women, particularly those from Maryland, who are fulfilling
25 their patriotic duty with bravery and professionalism; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly of Maryland offers its comfort and
27 praise for the families of these brave men and women whose strength is a source of
28 pride for our nation and our State; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
30 Legislative Services to the President of the United States, George W. Bush, at 1600
31 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20500; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
33 Legislative Services to the Maryland Congressional Delegation: Senators Paul S.
34 Sarbanes and Barbara A. Mikulski, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510;
35 and Representatives Wayne T. Gilchrest, C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger, III, Benjamin L.
36 Cardin, Albert R. Wynn, Steny Hamilton Hoyer, Roscoe G. Bartlett, Elijah E.
37 Cummings, and Christopher Van Hollen, Jr., House Office Building, Washington,
38 D.C. 20515; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
2 Legislative Services to the Honorable Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., Governor of Maryland;
3 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
4 the Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House of Delegates.